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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 728  
By Hargett

A RESOLUTION to honor Mayor Bobby Flaherty of Bartlett on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Bobby Flaherty is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 16 years as Mayor of the City of Bartlett; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bobby Flaherty exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Ran-Dolph High School in Pontotoc, Mississippi, Bobby Flaherty moved to Bartlett in 1967; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Bobby Flaherty successfully established General Heating and Cooling, Inc., the same year he was elected alderman; and

WHEREAS, he served with acumen and dedication on the Board of Aldermen until he was elected Mayor in 1982; and

WHEREAS, throughout his meritorious tenure, Bartlett has prospered and has enjoyed numerous improvements, even a brief list of which is impressive: a new city hall, three new fire stations, reduction of fire insurance rate to the lowest in the State for similar cities, drainage improvements, lowest tax rate among full service cities in Shelby County, a balanced budget every year, improved city bond rating from A- to AA, an increased tax base with industrial

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development and home town shopping, establishment of an employee pension plan and the creation of a Mayor's Action Center; and

WHEREAS, under his outstanding guidance Bartlett has been the recipient of the Governor's Three Star Award for fourteen consecutive years; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bobby Flaherty is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Loretta Miller Flaherty, his son, Jeff Flaherty and his stepchildren, Missy Sullivan and Mark Miller; and

WHEREAS, after his retirement, Mayor Flaherty plans to divide his time between his home in Bartlett and raising cattle on his ranch in Arkansas; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we extend to Mayor Bobby Flaherty our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.